Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Original) A method for optimizing transparency scanning; comprising the steps of:

analyzing a document to be scanned to determine whether the document is a transparency document;

determining whether the scanning resolution is appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is determined to be a transparency document; and

alerting a user if the scanning resolution is not appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is a transparency document and the scanning resolution is inappropriate.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of analyzing the document comprises conducting an initial scan of the document and detecting the reflectivity observed during the initial scan.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of analyzing the document comprises conducting an initial scan of the document and detecting the brightness observed during the initial scan.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of determining whether the scanning resolution is appropriate comprises determining whether a selected scanning resolution is at least a minimum scanning resolution threshold.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of alerting a user if the scanning resolution is not appropriate for scanning a transparency comprises facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of suggesting an alternative scanning resolution where the scanning resolution is not optimized for transparency scanning.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of automatically adjusting the scanning resolution such that it is optimized for transparency scanning.

21.   (Original) A system for optimizing transparency scanning; comprising:
    means for analyzing a document to be scanned to determine whether the document is a transparency document;
    means for determining whether the scanning resolution is appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is determined to be a transparency document; and
    means for alerting a user if the scanning resolution is not appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is a transparency document and the scanning resolution is inappropriate.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21 2~1~, wherein the means for analyzing the document comprise means for detecting the reflectivity observed during an initial scan of the transparency document.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the means for analyzing the document comprise means for detecting the brightness observed during an initial scan of the transparency document.

24-25   (Canceled)

26.   (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the means for determining whether the scanning resolution is appropriate comprises means for determining whether a selected scanning resolution is at least a minimum scanning resolution threshold.

27.   (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the means for alerting a user if the scanning resolution is not appropriate for scanning a transparency comprises means for facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

28.   (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for suggesting an alternative scanning resolution where the scanning resolution is not optimized for transparency scanning.

29.   (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for automatically adjusting the scanning resolution such that it is optimized for transparency scanning.

30.   (New) A computer readable medium containing computer readable instructions configured to direct an apparatus to:

analyze a document to be scanned to determine whether the document is a transparency document;

determine whether the scanning resolution is appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is determined to be a transparency document; and

alert a user if the scanning resolution is not appropriate for scanning a transparency where the document is a transparency document and the scanning resolution is inappropriate.

31.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions and further configured to direct the apparatus to conduct an initial scan of the document and detect the reflectivity observed during the initial scan.

32.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions are configured direct the apparatus to conduct an initial scan of the document and detect the brightness observed during the initial scan.

33.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions are configured direct the apparatus to determine whether a selected scanning resolution is at least a minimum scanning resolution threshold.

34.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions are configured direct the apparatus to present a warning dialogue box to the user.

35.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions are configured direct the apparatus to suggest an alternative scanning resolution where the scanning resolution is not optimized for transparency scanning.

36.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the instructions are configured direct the apparatus to automatically adjust the scanning resolution such that it is optimized for transparency scanning.